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## 1922 LICENSES WENT ON SALE IN ALMA TODAY

FIRM OF SHARRAR & WATSON  
HAS SALE OF LICENSES IN  
THE VICINITY OF ALMA.

### Call Attention to the New Title Law

This morning the firm of Sharrar & Watson opened their office in the Wright Hotel block for the selling and distribution in this vicinity of automobile and truck license plates for 1922.

As was the case last year this office has on hand all of the necessary blanks needed to comply with the motor vehicle laws of the state, including the new blanks for the certificate of title. Mr. Sharrar, in speaking about the licenses for the coming year, said, "All persons applying for 1922 automobile or truck licenses should bring their 1921 certificate of registration, operator's or driver's license card and certificate of title."

Mr. Sharrar also stated that "Many people desire information relative to the various automobile laws, and we will be glad to give them any such information possible in this connection." Speaking about the need of securing certificates of title early, he said, "Don't wait until the last moment to get your automobile title certificate. You must have it by July 1, 1922. You can't get under the wire by applying just before that date. You must have the certificate in your possession. With all of the time and warning there will be no additional days of grace other than those provided by law."

Motorists of Michigan have made a good showing, according to Mr. Chapman of the Secretary of State's office, who was in the city Tuesday conferring with Sharrar & Watson, and giving a school of instruction for the garage owners of Alma. Of the half million car owners in Michigan 150,000 of them have applied for certificates of title. They represent the wide-awake element. That means a crash which will clog the machinery for issuing the certificates.

Points emphasized in regard to certificates of title are:

You must have certificate of title in your possession by July 1 next.

If you already have certificate of title for your car and sell it, you must transfer the certificate in the regular manner if sold before July 1.

A receipt of registration or an identification receipt as it has heretofore been known will be furnished with each set of plates. The receipt of registration in addition to giving name of the owner of the machine, engine and factory numbers and the other usual information, contains blanks for assignment of title, statement of liens and the like. On selling a car the vendor must fill out the assignment blanks and mail to the secretary of state's office. The assignment must show the name and address of the new owner. For failure to comply with this requirement within 10 days the transfer is liable to a fine of from five to fifty dollars. This certificate is placed in the "transfer of ownership file" at Lansing, and a new certificate of title issued to buyer on his application.

It is the duty of the buyer of the car to make application to the secretary of state's office for certificate of registration and title within 10 days after purchasing car. If application is not received in ten days, notice is mailed to the buyer from the secretary of state's office and he is given five additional days. If he has not applied for transfer within 15 days, he is liable to fine, being considered as driving a motor driven car without registration. The fine in this case is five to fifty dollars.

Owners of cars who seek certificates of title must furnish names and addresses of all former owners, or furnish satisfactory proof of the ownership of car. With the system in operation a few years, the secretary of state's office will have a complete history of the titles of all cars.

The penalty for operating a motor vehicle after July 1, 1922, without certificate of title will be a fine of from \$25 to \$100.

Original certificates of title are \$1; certificates of title to the assignee or buyer, \$1; second-hand dealer's licenses \$5, or after July 1, each year, \$3. Of course the title law was passed to make the disposal of stolen cars difficult. It is to be enforced rigidly.

The ladies of the Royal Neighbors will meet at the home of Mrs. Frank Deltz on Bridge street, Wednesday afternoon, December 7. All members are urged to be present as it is the last meeting before the bazaar.

Watch for Harold Lloyd in "Among Present"—coming soon.—advertisement.

## Silver Fox Show To Be Held in Muskegon

Muskegon, Mich., Nov. 31.—Over a half million dollars worth of domesticated silver foxes will be displayed here December 7, 8 and 9, at the second annual live silver fox show of the National Silver Fox Breeders Association of America. This will be the only fox show held on the North American continent during 1922, both the Montreal and Boston shows having been cancelled.

Muskegon is the recognized leader in this industry among the many silver fox raising communities of the United States and is surpassed only by Prince Edward Island, Canada. In addition to the live animals, a collection of silver fox furs, valued at several thousand dollars, will be exhibited. Foxes from all parts of the northern half of the United States will be exhibited and will include black, silver, red, white, blue and cross stock.

The silver fox industry in Muskegon is but six years old, yet it has grown from a beginning with four pairs to about 2,400 foxes, valued at about \$3,000,000.

## DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING HERE

ALMA MERCHANTS HAVE BIG  
BUYING POWER, LARGE  
STOCKS AT LOW PRICES.

It is very doubtful if there can be found in Michigan another city of anywhere near 7,500 population whose merchants carry such complete lines and fine stocks of merchandise as do the retail merchants of Alma. Splendid assortments of seasonal goods are always in evidence and when new things of merit in any of the several lines are introduced, they will be found in Alma stocks about as soon as anywhere else. This is evidence of the fact that the retailers of this city are making an effort to supply their customers with the very best and latest goods on the markets.

It is sure to pay anyone to come a long distance to buy in Alma regardless of what line of merchandise may be desired. There are three principal reasons why this is true. First, the big markets are just as accessible to the merchants of Alma as to any other merchants. Second, they mostly buy in sufficiently heavy volume to secure low wholesale prices. Third, the general overhead expense of Alma merchants is much lower than it would be in any of the larger cities of the state.

It is also a fact that the assortment of merchandise found in Alma stores is sufficiently complete to interest any general or holiday shopper. These displays of goods will be found much more satisfactory than can be found in any of the smaller trade centers about this section.

All these things considered, Alma is one of the best, if not the best place to buy if one is looking for service and economy. The facts are that much trade is being drawn right now from the larger cities outside of Gratiot county, not through friendship, but because they can save money and at the same time have nice stocks of goods to select from and a thorough knowledge that the goods are honest goods at honest prices.

Right at this time the dealers in every line here in Alma are especially well prepared to render satisfactory service and trade facilities and offer attractive prices to every visitor as well as home residents of this city. The new low prices they are offering in most instances are down to a pre-war basis and there is no prospect of their ever going lower while there is reason to think that in some instances at least they may take a marked advance.

If there ever was a time when the whole country needed buyers it is now. Buy everything you need, just as much as is possible—the sooner everybody buys everything they need and want the sooner all men and women will be employed.

Alma's merchants invite the people of central Michigan to come and shop, believing they can render a service well worth consideration. It is but a short step now to Christmas and by taking advantage of the opportunities offered by Alma merchants the people within a radius of fifty miles about Alma can greatly facilitate and make pleasant their Christmas shopping.

### BUS LINE TO MT. PLEASANT

F. L. Leland started a new bus line between Alma and Mt. Pleasant on Monday, Nov. 28, the busses making two trips each way in the morning and afternoon. Busses leave Alma for Mt. Pleasant at 7 a. m. and 10 a. m., and in the afternoon at 1 p. m. and 3:30 p. m. In the morning busses will leave Mt. Pleasant for Alma at 8:30 and 11:30 and in the afternoon at 2:30 and 5:30.

## A WELL KNOWN RESIDENT DIED LAST THURSDAY

WILLIAM I. AMSBURY, HIGHLY  
ESTEEMED CITIZEN, WAS  
ILL ABOUT FOUR WEEKS.

### Funeral Sunday in Charge of Masons

William Ira Amsbury, one of Alma's prominent residents, died at his home on Park avenue Thursday shortly after noon, being 62 years of age at the time of his death. Although he had been in ill health for about four weeks his death came as a distinct shock to his large circle of friends here.

William I. Amsbury was born April 9, 1859, in Jackson county, and moved with his parents to Gratiot county in February, 1861. He was married to Miss Ida Palmitt of Brady township, Saginaw county, August 20, 1889. His wife passed away in May of 1892. In 1892 Mr. Amsbury moved to Saginaw where he engaged in the mercantile business for ten years, after which he moved to Standish and engaged in the same business for seven years. After disposing of his business there Mr. Amsbury returned to Alma and since that time made this city his home. He leaves to mourn their loss one daughter, Iva, two grandchildren and four brothers—Seely, Wallace and Fred of Alma and Joe of Midland.

The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon. Rev. M. W. Duffey of the M. E. Church had charge of the services at the home. Masonic services were conducted at the grave in Riverside cemetery by Alma Lodge No. 244 F. & A. M. of which Mr. Amsbury had been a staunch member.

## CAMERON IS MADE SERVICE MANAGER

ANNOUNCEMENT OF HIS AP-  
POINTMENT IS MADE BY  
COL. FRANK E. SMITH.

Colonel Frank E. Smith, Vice President and General Manager of the Republic Truck Sales Corporation, has announced the appointment of Mr. Gordon Cameron as Director of Service, in complete charge of the servicing of Republic Trucks from the factory.

Mr. Cameron comes to the Republic organization after a fruitful experience in the sales and service of both automobiles and trucks. For ten years he was connected with the Maxwell organization, having been Supervisor of Sales and Service in the Southern Zone and then General Service Manager for the entire country, with the exception of New England.

The reorganization of the Service Department at the Factory has been completed under Mr. Cameron's direction, and both in appearance and effectiveness of service it is complete in every detail. In the various branches established by the Republic Company similar service arrangements will be completed.

In addition to his work at the factory, and in general supervision of Branch service, Mr. Cameron will assist Republic Distributors and Associate Dealers to arrange service departments and to care for the trucks in their territory in the most effective manner.

"The appointment of Mr. Cameron," said Colonel Smith, "is another evidence of the fact that the Republic organization intends to give to Republic users the highest possible degree of service. When we sell a truck our interest in the owner has only begun, instead of having ended."

"Half-way service, which truck owners of some other makes of trucks have been forced to accept because they could not get anything better, is like throwing a life-preserver to a man who has fallen off an ocean liner, and then forgetting to stop the boat. He may float for awhile or some other ship may save him, but he won't have much use for the boat that didn't stop."

"Republic service is unequalled because it doesn't adopt half-way measures."

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wilk announce the marriage of their daughter, Edna, to Mr. Benton Cowburn on Wednesday evening, Nov. 23, at the Presbyterian manse, Detroit. Mr. and Mrs. Cowburn are at home to their many friends at 7507 Linwood ave., Detroit.

Tom Mix—Strand—Saturday.—advertisement.



CHARLES ZUEBLIN.

## ZUEBLIN COMING TO ALMA SOON

SECOND NUMBER OF COURSE TO  
BE HELD IN HIGH SCHOOL  
DECEMBER 16.

Charles Zueblin, well-known lecturer and writer, who speaks here on the Lyceum course Friday evening, December 16, has delivered his famous lecture on American life in all parts of the country. From the Galveston (Texas) Tribune comes the following vivid description of Mr. Zueblin as a lecturer:

"Mr. Zueblin is as far removed in appearance from the usual deep student of large problems as may be imagined. He looks more like a business man, who has survived twenty years of battling with executive problems in some hustling company and still retained the clear eye and sturdy physique of a college athlete."

Those who have heard Mr. Zueblin lecture know that it is impossible for the mind to wander while he is on the platform. He delivers his message with electric energy, and his words come with precision and almost with the rapidity of gaudy gun bullets. His ideas possess the quality that is called "suggestive," for they set little trains of thought which the listener has already half formulated, into active movement. The average person in the audience comes away from a Zueblin lecture feeling that his mental processes have just received a cold shower bath followed by a vigorous rub that sets the whole body tingling and glowing with the shock."

Mr. Zueblin has written a number of books which have had a wide circulation. Among them are "American Municipal Progress" and "Democracy and the Overman."

Like the first number on the course this attraction will be held in the Alma high school auditorium. Tickets for the one number will be on sale at the door for fifty cents. Those who have not purchased season tickets and still desire to obtain them can secure them for the balance of the course at the First State Bank.

## Receive Fine Western Apples

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Frisbie of 303 East End street recently received a 10 lb. box of apples from Cashmere, Washington, sent to them by Mr. Frisbie's sister, Elsie Hudson. The apples average from 12 to 15 inches in circumference and are perfect in every way, as not a blemish or a worm hole can be seen on any of them.

The apples were produced in the famous Wenatchee district in Washington which has advanced from an obscure inarable community of struggling settlers to one of the greatest apple-producing centers in the world in the short space of 25 years. The crop from this district this year is estimated at \$25,000,000. Sunshine for fully 12 hours each day of the growing season, with an abundance of irrigation water under full control and a volcanic ash soil found nowhere else in the country worked the miracle. More than one-third of the fancy boxed apples produced in the United States this year were grown in the Wenatchee district which comprises 30,000 acres of bearing orchards.

Two of the apples sent to Mr. and Mrs. Frisbie may be seen on display at the Record office.

### CHANGE HOUR OF SALE

The Alma Retail Merchants Bureau which is conducting auction sales every Saturday afternoon for the people of Alma and vicinity at the Roller Mills on East Superior street, has changed the time of the sale from 2:50 o'clock to 1 o'clock. Those having goods which they wish to dispose of by auction are invited by the Retail Merchants Bureau to bring them to this sale. It is a free sale conducted for the public benefit by this organization.

## A TESTIMONIAL BANQUET GIVEN F. W. RUGGLES

ST. LOUIS BUSINESS MEN HON-  
OR MAN WHO BROUGHT THE  
CITY ITS PROSPERITY.

### His Alma Ventures Aided That City

Friday evening of last week the business men of St. Louis gave a testimonial dinner at the Park Hotel in that city to Frank W. Ruggles, of this city, former president of the Republic Motor Truck Company, Inc., and at the present time president of the Northern Wheel Company of Alma and the Ruggles Motor Truck Company of Saginaw, the latter company the newest of the Ruggles ventures.

The banquet was attended by 125 business and professional men of St. Louis, who gave the dinner to Mr. Ruggles in recognition of the growth and prosperity that came to St. Louis as a result of Mr. Ruggles' concerns in this city, which greatly promoted the growth of Alma's sister city during the past decade.

S. O. Burdick acted as toastmaster at the banquet. Toasts were responded to by Frank W. Ruggles, Newell Smith, George Vliet, C. W. Giddings and William Yost.

Troop C 106th Cavalry Michigan National Guard of this city is now open for enlistments again. Captain Reece hopes that a number of promising men may be secured for the cavalry troop while the enlistments are open. Information in regard to enlistments may be secured from any of the officers of the troop.

## MAUSOLEUM HAS BEEN COMPLETED

NEW \$65,000 STRUCTURE WILL  
BE OPENED TO PUBLIC THIS  
COMING SUNDAY.

The construction work on the mausoleum in Riverside cemetery has been brought to a conclusion, and a few minor details of completing the fine new structure are out of the way, permitting the new building to be opened to the public Sunday from 9:00 a. m. until 4:00 p. m., by the Flowers Mausoleum Company of Toledo, which has had charge of the work.

The new structure is one of the finest productions that the company has had during its sixteen years of experience in building mausoleums, and it is certain that this part of the state does not offer a structure of the kind that will exceed the Riverside cemetery in building in beauty, or in excellence of construction. The building is 72 feet in length and 56 feet in width. The exterior of the structure is entirely in Bedford stone which will whiten up much more than at present and by next summer should present a beautiful site with its green background of lawn and shrubs.

Entrance to the mausoleum is gained at the front through large double solid bronze doors, which open to a large corridor, nearly 50 feet in length and 12 feet in width, which will furnish an abundance of room for funeral services in the mausoleum. Running across the building are two corridors 11 feet in width in which the crypts, 296 in number, are located. The floors of the corridors are finished in ceramic tile with Persian borders, and an inspection of the structure will show the care that has been used in laying the tile floor.

The interior walls are entirely of marble, the various slabs being unusually well jointed, some of them being joined so well that it is almost impossible five feet away to tell where one slab stops and another begins. Large stained glass windows at the ends of the corridors furnish lights for the building which, coming from the colored windows and reflected back and forth on the polished surface of the marble, makes the structure unusually light. It is understood that about \$300 worth of shrubbery has been purchased for the grounds surrounding the mausoleum, which is to be planted in the spring, and this should aid greatly in improving the looks of the structure, because of the setting that it will have.

The Flowers Mausoleum Company invites the public to inspect the building Sunday at any time from 9 a. m. until 4 p. m., during which time a representative of the concern will be at the building.

## Officers Arrest Three Celebrators

Three young and rather prominent farmers of Newark township were taken in tow here Thanksgiving evening by local police officials, who objected to the way in which the said farmers were conducting their Thanksgiving celebration. It seems that the trio had imbibed somewhat too freely of one of those concoctions which come under the head of "home brew."

The men were taken to the jail, but the condition of one of them was regarded so serious that he was removed to a hospital, where the sobering up process was conducted in his case. The others were left to regain their normal poise in the jail. Friday the men admitted to the officers that the home brew that they had been consuming had been obtained in Mt. Pleasant.

They were then taken before a local justice of the peace, where they paid a nice little fine and costs in each case to avoid going over to Ithaca to board with the sheriff. They probably won't let it happen again right away.

## COMPANY DOING A FINE BUSINESS

NORTHERN WHEEL COMPANY  
HAS EVERY PROSPECT OF A  
BRIGHT FUTURE.

That the Northern Wheel Company, about which little has been heard since it was organized, has become a real factory in the industrial life of Alma, is a thing that will come at this time as a distinct but pleasant surprise for most people of the city, including a large number of the three hundred odd stockholders of the concern.

This newest of Alma industries, organized and put under way just shortly before the industrial depression struck the United States, with-out any great automobile or truck connections, was hard hit, right at the beginning of the depression. Like many older and more stable concerns, ruin seemed to threaten if heroic business measures were not adopted. During November and December of last year the company practically ceased operations, during which time a thorough study of the company was made, meetings of the management with its stockholders collectively and individually were held, and plans for meeting the hardships of business depression were laid.

In January the plant started work again, and with a bull-dog tenacity the management went at the various business troubles, and overcame them, and gradually business was secured. It has not come without the usual struggles that are always present in the business world, and in fact they were multiplied and made more difficult because of the depression. In spite of everything new business was brought to the company, in increasing amounts until today the concern has orders enough on its books to keep the factory running for over a month, should no new business come in. During this time the working force at the factory has been augmented almost continuously and growing from just a few men, it has continued until now there are over 100 men on the payroll.

Few companies of any kind have been enjoying such a growth during the past year under the adverse business conditions, and certain it is that the wheel companies are not to be found that can show bigger proportionate results for the year. The first nine months show a business of over \$200,000, the large business of the past few months balancing up the smaller business of earlier in the year. About 135,000 wheels have been manufactured during this time. The payroll based on this period will be about \$60,000 for the year.

During the past few months the company has closed deals with eastern and western corporations who

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### MACCABEES HOLD CAMPAIGN

The Lady Maccabees of Gratiot, Isabella and Clare counties are putting on an intensive campaign for a large class of new members, under the direction of Janet Branch of St. Louis, and Catharine Seymour, D.G.C., of Saginaw, who are being assisted by Mary Clow of Alma. It will come to a close December 20 at St. Louis, with a pageant called "Yesterday and Today." The meeting will also celebrate the 25th anniversary of Frances E. Burns as great commander of the organization. Many hives will take part in the pageant. An all-day meeting will be held with a banquet, which will be in charge of Emma Alexander of St. Louis.

Attend the Presbyterian rummage sale at the Edson Moore building on State street, Saturday, Dec. 3.—advertisement.

## IMPROVEMENTS UNDER WAY BY GAS COMPANY

MANY IMPORTANT CHANGES  
BEING MADE THAT SHOULD  
BENEFIT CONSUMERS.

### New Compression Tanks Purchased

During the past few weeks the Gratiot County Gas Company has made numerous changes that are expected to greatly better its service. Not all of the changes have been completed as yet, but it is expected that the next thirty days will see a finish of the improvements that are now under way.

The concern is building a large coke shed and coke bins for the purpose of keeping its coke dry and eliminating fine "breeze" from the coke in the future. The coke shed is 80 feet long and 40 feet wide and the coke bins will be 30 feet long, 12 feet wide and 14 feet deep. This coke shed and bins will house a total of 750 tons of coke and will enable the company to supply a better grade of coke in the future as well as to enable the company to keep the coke free from moisture.

In order to increase storage capacity, the company has ordered additional compression gas storage tanks, 40 feet long and 8 feet in diameter, to be installed at St. Louis, Ithaca and Breckenridge. The foundations for these tanks have been completed and the first tank has been shipped from the factory.

The company has also just completed a meter house which will house the meters that will measure, under pressure, the gas necessary to supply Alma, St. Louis, Breckenridge and Ithaca. Three high pressure station meters are now being installed and when this work has been completed the company will be able to handle its leakage problem much more successfully. A new gas main is being laid from the plant to Grover avenue, so that there will be a separate line feeding Ithaca and another separate line feeding St. Louis and Breckenridge.

A meter prover has also been installed in the office of the company on State street. An accurate test of every meter can now be made by the company. This instrument is expected to promptly settle a great many arguments in the future, as to the correctness or incorrectness of a customer's meter.

With the completion of the above improvements the Gratiot County Gas Company will have made all installations that are possible in a plant of this kind to bring its gas and coke service to the highest state of perfection. And with the twice-daily gas tests that the city is making at the city hall, the citizens of Alma, St. Louis, Ithaca and Breckenridge are assured of as perfect gas service as it is possible for a company to give.

## Dropped Dead Here Wednesday Night

Theo Lebeau, of Saginaw, district manager for the New Era Insurance Company of Grand Rapids, dropped dead Wednesday night about 8:30 on Superior street on the sidewalk in front of the Floyd Luchini candy store. A physician was immediately called by the shocked bystanders, who pronounced death due to heart trouble. The body was removed to the Crandell & Scott morgue, and Coroner Ludwig of Ithaca was called. He came to Alma this morning.

Word of Lebeau's death was telephoned to his wife in Saginaw, and relatives came to Alma this morning to take the body to that city for burial. Lebeau was about 40 years of age.

## Temporary Factory Secured for Acme

Work on a temporary factory for the Acme Beet Harvester Company has been started, and Mr. Lippert, designer of the machine, who is heavily interested in the concern, expects that the work of remodeling the temporary quarters will be finished within thirty days. The building which is to be used by the company for the time being is located near Wright Park, off Orchard street addition. When the remodeling is completed the plant will consist of a machine shop, large assembly floor, paint and storage rooms, and will furnish facilities for the manufacture of three Acme Beet Harvesters a day.

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